**Export of Leather goods and garments**

1369. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of leather goods and garments exported by the Indian leather goods and garments manufacturers during the years 1985-86; and 1986-87; and

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The value of exports of leather goods, leather garments, leather footwear and footwear components during 1985-86 and 1986-87, according to the statistics compiled by council for Leather Exports was as under:—

(Value in Rs. Crores)

| Year | Leather Goods | Leather Garments | Leather Footwear | Footwear Component |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1985-86 | 85.14 | 16.72 | 33.03 | 190.35 |
| 1986-87 | 94.04 | 62.26 | 80.38 | 240.69 |

*Quantity figures are not maintained by the Council.*

**Issue of Identity cards to all the citizens of the country**

1370. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to provide identity cards for all its citizens; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the estimated time required to complete the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No such proposal has been formulated so far.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

**Resignation of the Chairman of the National Wasteland Development Board**

1371. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the National Wasteland and Development Board resigned recently;

(b) if so, what are the circumstances leading to her resignation; and

(c) what is its likely effect on achieving the target of growing trees on five million hectares of degraded land in the country by seeking people's participation and the manner in which Government propose to overcome it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Orders were issued on 15-1-88 replacing Dr. (Mrs.) Kamla Chowdhry by Minister of State for Environment and Forests as Chairman of the National Wastelands Development Board (NWDB). In a letter of resignation received subsequently, Dr. Chowdhry mentioned that the Board was created as an independent nodal agency to co-ordinate and formulate policies relating to wastelands development and that sufficient authority has not been given to the Board to carry out these tasks. The Government does not accept this as being factually correct.